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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, UR

SUBJECT: KOSYGIN ON VACATION

1. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR PLIMSOLL TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT KOSYGIN WAS IN THE CAUCASUS WHEN WHITLAM ARRIVED IN LENINGRAD AND CALLED HIM FROM THERE WELCOMING HIM TO THE USSR AND STATING THAT HE WOULD SEE HIM IN MOSCOW. KOSYGIN'S PLANE, IN FACT LANDED IN MOSCOW JUST SHORTLY BEFORE WHITLAM'S ARRIVAL. KOSYGIN TOOK PART IN NEARLY ALL THE EVENTS IN WHICH WHITLAM PARTICIPATED AND THEN IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO THE CAUCASUS, PRESUMABLY TO CONTINUE HIS VACATION. PLIMSOLL COMMENTED THAT KOSYGIN LOOKED AND ACTED VERY FIT AND RELAXED.

2. COMMENT: THE ABOVE WOULD TEND TO RAISE FURTHER DOUBTS REGARDING RUMORS CURRENT IN MOSCOW OF FEVERISH MANEUVERING IN A SUCCESSION CRISIS. IF THE TOP MAN WERE DYING OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING REPLACED, PRESUMABLY THE SECOND IN COMMAND WOULD NOT BE ON VACATION AT THAT TIME.  
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